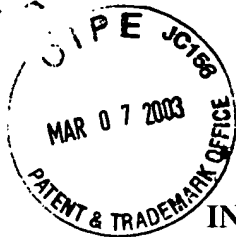


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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply to Office Action is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2002 for the above-referenced application. The Examiner set a three (3) month period for response. This response is submitted within five (5) months of the mailing date of the Office Action. A petition for a two (2) month extension of the deadline is attached.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23-38 without prejudice or disclaimer to Applicant's filing one or more continuation or divisional applications directed to the canceled subject matter.